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1120 Stakeholders

We are pleased to announce that we are posting the Release 2 schemas and business rules on our website. Even though this file contains the XML schemas for all 96 forms and schedules, the Release 1 schemas that are included do not have any changes from the Version 7 that we recently posted and that will be available for use on April 26th. As these schemas have not been internally tested, we encourage you to review these files and provide us with any feedback.

XML Schemas

The new versions we are presenting you with today are for Tax Year 2003 XML schemas for Modernized e-File Release 2 forms, schedules and statement records for 1120/1120S. The schemas are version 22 (2003V22) and can be found on the irs.gov website under Production Release at <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/providers/article/0,,id=97626,00.html>.

We have also included the "Diff Files" that show changes. Please note that the "diffs" are against two previous deliveries. For schemas born in Release 1, the "diffs" are against version "2003V07". For schemas born in Release 2, the "diffs" are against their last published version on April 30, 2003. Included in the "diffs" is a README file that explains the change in the directory structure.

Release 2 Version 22 (2003V22) will be used for Release 2 testing scheduled to begin in June. We will notify you when Assurance Testing is ready to begin accepting returns.

Business Rules

Business Rules for Release 2 forms for version 22 (2003V22) are also being posted today in two different formats – a MS Word file and a comma-separated file (.csv) that contains the very same information. A column in the file identifies the changes made from the last posted version to help you identify the changes that were made. No "Alerts" are in this file. The business rules are posted under Other Documents at <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/providers/article/0,,id=97626,00.html>.

Each rule file is assigned the same version number that is assigned to the schemas to which the rules apply. The current schemas and rules files are assigned version number 2003 Version 22 (2003V22). These will also be in effect at the time the schemas are installed into production.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us through the Topica group for the ETA 1120 Team at 1120@irs.gov. You can also contact Xan Ostro from our ITS team at (202) 283-7697 or Pat Porter from the ETA team at (512) 460-7127.